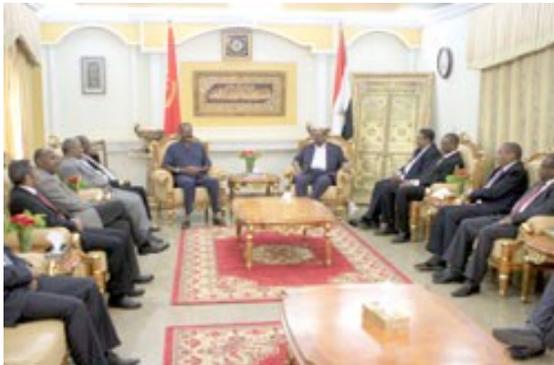




President Isaias Afwerki Conducted Working Visit to the Republic of Sudan

President Isaias Afewrki conducted a three - days working visit to the Republic of Sudan from 08-10 May 2014. During his stay, the President held discussions with his counterpart, President Omar Hassan Al -Bahir as well as 1st Vice-President Bakri Hassen Saleh on strengthening bilateral



relations, mutual cooperation and economic ties between Eritrea and Sudan; and the maintenance of peace and stability along the common border.

President Isaias also toured Al-Jeili Oil Refinery, currency and official documents printing center as well as gold processing plant and received briefings from the experts and officials of the different institutions.

Speaking to the media, President Isaias stated that the agreements reached are being implemented.

President Isaias Held Talks With the AU Commissioner for Peace and Security

On 06 May 2014, President Isaias Afwerki received and held talks with Ambassador Smail Chergui, the African Union Commissioner for Peace and Security.



In the course of the meeting, President Isaias emphasized Africa's potential to solve its own problems and challenges and stressed the need for the continent to apply and develop it. In this line, the President underlined that external interventions should only be supplemental to Afri-

can participation rather than a substituting option. President Isaias further expressed Eritrea's readiness to play its due role in the endeavors Africa would make to solve its problems through internal capacity. Furthermore, the two parties discussed issues pertaining to the Horn of Africa region as well as the wider continent.

Following the discussion, Ambassador Smail Chergui briefed the media on the outcome of the meeting and lauded Eritrea's readiness and interest as regards to securing peace and stability in Africa in general and in the Horn region in particular. He also expressed appreciation for the idea that Africa should solve its problems on the basis of its internal capacity.

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Minister Osman Saleh Held Talks With His Saudi Counterpart



On 08 May 2014, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Eritrea, Mr. Osman Saleh, held discussion with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Prince Saud Al-Faisal in Riyadh. In the meeting, Mr. Osman Saleh conveyed President Isaias Afwerki's goodwill message to King Abdalla Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud.

The two sides held discussions on fostering bilateral ties and on issues of mutual interest; and agreed to further enhance the existing relations between Eritrea and Saudi Arabia in various areas.

Turkish Airlines Launches Flight to Asmara

Turkish Airlines will start Istanbul-Asmara flights on 19th August 2014. The Airline plans to fly to Asmara three times per week. For more information visit: <http://www.turkishairlines.com/en-int/flights-tickets/asmara>

Eritrea and Sudan Sign Agreement to Enhance Cooperation in the Health Sector

On 05 May 2014, the Minister of Health of Eritrea, Ms. Amna Nur-Hussien and the Minister of Health of the Sudan, Mr. Bahar Idris Abu Garda, signed an agreement to promote bilateral cooperation between the two sisterly countries.



The agreement covers wide range of issues in the health sector including enhancement of programs, human resource development, production and distribution of drugs as well as equipment and scientific research. Furthermore, the two parties have agreed to exchange health care related information, expertise and technology. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Amna

pointed out that the growing cooperation in various domains is anchored on the historic ties between the peoples of the two countries, and that this has a positive impact in reinforcing their bilateral relations.

Mr. Bahar Idris Abu Garda on his part praised the warm welcome and excellent reception bestowed upon him and his delegation in the course of their visit, and asserted his country's readiness to fully implement the agreement.

In their three days stay in Eritrea, Mr. Bahar Idris and his delegation visited Orotta National Referral Hospital, Fred Hollows Intra-ocular Laboratory in Asmara and the Southern Region's Referral Hospital in Mendefera.

